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PLOT AGAINST RAUL CASTRO

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(TEXT) IN A REPORT WHICH THE INTERIOR MINISTRY HAS JUST DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OSVALDO DORTICOS THERE IS A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE SIMULATED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE CAIMANERA BASE PREPARED BY THE AGENTS OF ALLEN DULLES WHO USED COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY AGENTS OF ORIENTE PROVINCE. THIS PLOT WAS DENOUNCED AT PUNTA DEL ESTE BY MAJOR CHE GUEVARA.

THE REPORT IS ACCOMPANIED BY A LARGE AMOUNT OF DOCUMENTARY PROOF AND STATEMENTS BY THE PRINCIPAL AGENTS, GIVING THE DETAILS OF A VAST CONSPIRATORIAL PLAN WHOSE FIRST STEP WAS TO BE THE ASSASSINATION OF MAJOR RAUL CASTRO.

THE PLOTTERS RECEIVED THEIR WEAPONS AT THE CAIMANERA NAVAL BASE. THE SO-CALLED IMMEDIATE ACTION PLAN, TAKEN FROM THE ENEMIES OF THE REVOLUTION, OUTLINED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES FOR THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST RAUL:

1--TO TAKE UP POSITIONS IN A HOUSE NEAR THE REVIEWING STAND FROM WHERE THE MINISTER OF THE ARMY WOULD SPEAK DURING THE 26 JULY COMMEMORATION CEREMONY: TO INSTALL A 30 CALIBER MACHINE GUN AND PLACE TWO MEN IN CHARGE OF IT AND TO PROVIDE ANOTHER FOUR MEN WITH HAND GRENADES TO COVER THEIR RETREAT AFTER THE ASSASSINATION.

2--TO PLACE SIX MEN ARMED WITH M-3 RIFLES ON THE ROAD TO THE AIRPORT TO FIRE ON MAJOR RAUL CASTRO IF HE EMERGED UNSCATHED FROM THE ATTEMPT AT THE REVIEWING STAND. THEY BELIEVED THAT HE WOULD TAKE A PLANE TO THE CAPITAL TO REPORT TO FIDEL. THIS PLAN WAS TO HAVE BEEN PUT INTO OPERATION AT 10 A.M. AND TO HAVE BEEN SYNCHRONIZED WITH A MORTAR ATTACK AGAINST THE HERMANOS DIAZ REFINERY.

THE SECOND AND MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS PLAN SAYS TEXTUALLY: PLACE IN THE EL CASTRO BUILDING ADJACENT TO THE CAIMANERA NAVAL BASE NO FEWER THAN FOUR MORTARS WHICH WILL FIRE SIX SHELLS APIECE AGAINST THE BASE. AT THE SAME TIME ANOTHER MORTAR WILL ATTACK THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY'S ARTILLERY EMPLACEMENT NEARBY. THIS WILL CAUSE THEM TO THINK THAT THEY ARE BEING ATTACKED BY THE NAVAL BASE AND THEY WILL BEGIN TO CANNONADE IT. IN TURN, THE BASE WILL ANSWER THIS ATTACK.

THUS AN ARTIFICIAL AGGRESSION WOULD BE PRODUCED AND COULD SERVE AS A U.S. PRETEXT FOR MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CUBA.

THIS PLAN OF IMMEDIATE ACTION IS SIGNED BY LAZARO PONCE, WHO USED THE PSEUDONYM, MAJOR RAMOS AND WHO ACTS AS CHIEF OF A MOVEMENT CALLED TORCH OF LIBERATION, ONE OF THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS IMPLICATED IN THE PLOT.

THE INTERIOR MINISTRY REPORTS THE SEIZURE OF GREAT QUANTITIES OF ARMS OF NORTH AMERICAN MANUFACTURE WHICH WERE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE PLOTTERS. IT ALSO REPORTS THE DEATH OF MAJOR RAMOS, WHO TRIED TO ESCAPE WITH SOME ACCOMPLICES AND DIED IN A GUN-FIGHT WITH MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SECURITY WHEN A BULLET CAUSED THE LAUNCH IN WHICH HE AND SEVERAL ACCOMPLICES WERE TRYING TO ESCAPE, TO EXPLODE, KILLING HIM AND HIS ACCOMPLICES.